

Proclamation 4480

December 8, 1976

**Continuance of Duty on Certain Brandy**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

1. Proclamation No. 4478, of November 26, 1976, modifies item 945.16 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS) (19 U.S.C. 1202) to change the rates of duty on certain brandy provided for in items 168.28 and 168.32 of the TSUS to \$3 per gallon, effective with respect to all articles that are both (i) imported, and (ii) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on and after December 10, 1976. *Ante*, p. 1712.

2. Pursuant to Section 125(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2135(c)), as noted in recital 5 of Proclamation No. 4478, the President is authorized to proclaim increased duties or other import restrictions, to the extent, at such times, and for such periods as he deems necessary or appropriate, in order to exercise the rights or fulfill the obligations of the United States. Section 125(b) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2135(b)) authorizes the termination, in whole or in part, of any proclamation issued pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974.

19 USC 2101.

3. I have determined that the rate of duty for brandy, provided for in items 168.28 and 168.32, TSUS, valued over \$17 per gallon, should continue to be \$5 per gallon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, including Section 125 of the Trade Act of 1974, in the exercise of the rights of the United States, do hereby proclaim, until the President otherwise proclaims or until otherwise superseded by law, that:

A. Paragraph A of the dispositive part of Proclamation No. 4478 is terminated.

B. Proclamation No. 4478 of November 26, 1976, is amended by deleting paragraph B of the dispositive part thereof and by substituting in lieu thereof the following paragraphs B and C:

“B. (1) Proclamation No. 4304 of July 16, 1974, is terminated to the extent inconsistent with this proclamation. 88 Stat. 2494.

“(2) Subpart B of part 2 of the Appendix to the TSUS is modified by deleting therefrom item number 945.16, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following new items: 19 USC 1202.

Item	Article	Rate of Duty	
		1	2
Brandy:			
Provided for in item 168.28:			
945.17	Valued over \$13 but not over \$17 per gallon.....	\$3	No change
945.18	Valued over \$17 per gallon.....	\$5 per gal.	No change
Provided for in item 168.32:			
945.19	Valued over \$9 but not over \$17 per gallon.....	\$3 per gal.	No change
945.20	Valued over \$17 per gallon.....	\$5 per gal.	No change

"C. (1) The modifications made by paragraph B of this proclamation shall be effective as to all articles that are both

(i) imported, and

(ii) entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption,

on or after December 26, 1976.

(2) Articles imported before December 26, 1976, but thereafter entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, shall receive the rate of duty applicable at the time of importation."

C. This proclamation shall be effective as of November 26, 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this eighth day of December, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and first.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4481

January 19, 1977

**American Heart Month, 1977**

*By the President of the United States of America*

**A Proclamation**

For over three decades, diseases of the heart and blood vessels have constituted one of our Nation's most serious health problems. Cardiovascular diseases affect more than 29 million Americans, especially among the elderly, and are the direct cause of more than half of all deaths occurring each year in the United States. While their economic toll in terms of lost wages, productivity, and cost of medical care can be estimated at nearly \$44 billion annually, the toll in terms of human suffering can never be measured.

America's continuing determination to meet any challenge to the well-being of its people is illustrated by the dedication that has characterized its efforts to control these disorders. Sustained research and clinical advances since 1950 have contributed substantially to declining mortality rates for stroke, rheumatic fever, coronary and congenital heart disease, and hypertension. Our investment in research, public and professional education, and community service activities has been rewarded. In that same time, the mortality rate in the United States from all heart and blood vessel diseases has declined by 30 percent. In 1975, deaths in this country from major cardiovascular diseases dropped below one million for the first time since 1967.

This multi-faceted assault on heart and blood vessel diseases has been led by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, a federal agency, and by the American Heart Association, a private health organization funded through contributions from citizens across the country. Their successful efforts illustrate what can be achieved when public and private institutions—and the American people as well—join forces against a common threat.

In recognition of the necessity for constant vigilance against the ravages of cardiovascular disease, and to encourage still greater efforts to combat its threat to the Nation's health, the Congress, by joint resolution approved December 30, 1963 (77 Stat. 843; 36 U.S.C. 169b) has requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month.